

FAIRFIELD, IOWA LABORSHED AREA



A STUDY IN LABOR AVAILABILITY AND WORKFORCE CHARACTERISTICS
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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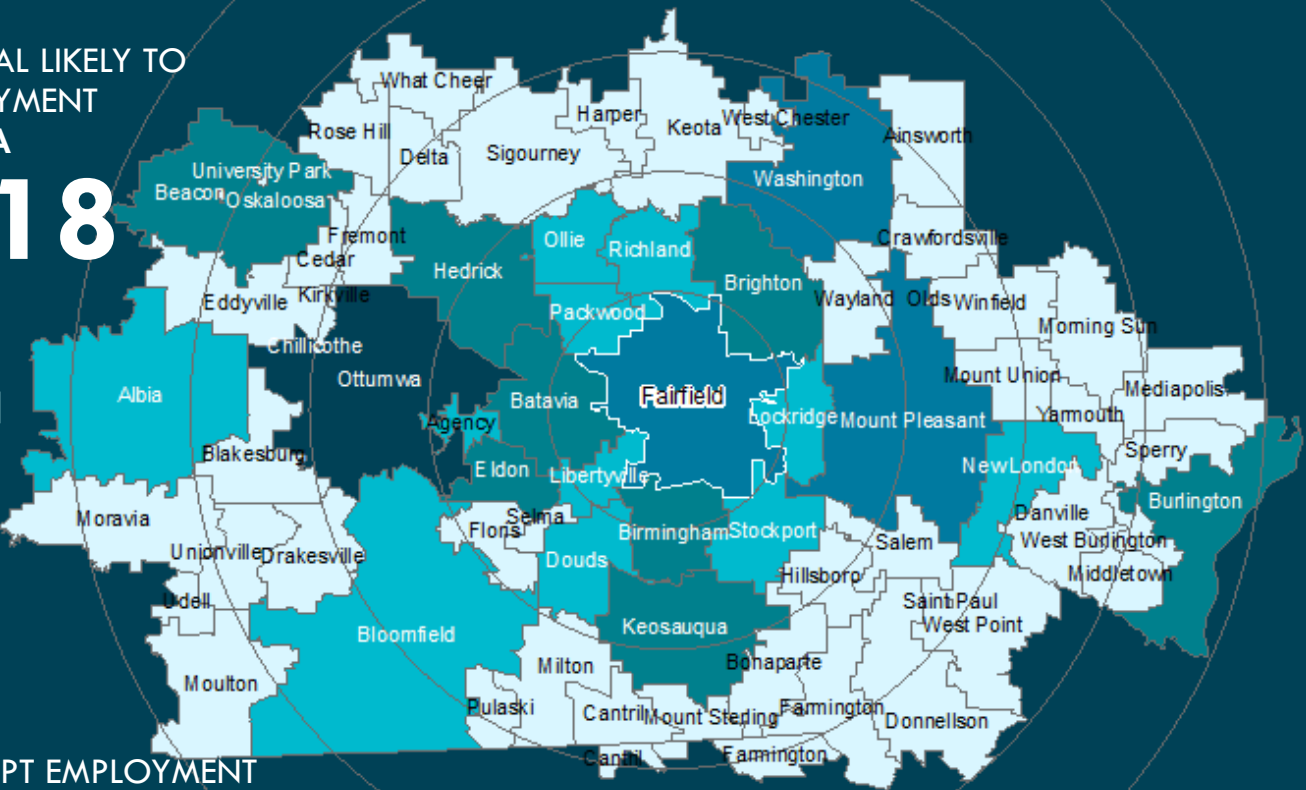
ESTIMATED POPULATION
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107,095

ESTIMATED TOTAL LIKELY TO
ACCEPT EMPLOYMENT
IN **FAIRFIELD, IA**
16,418



LIKELY TO
CHANGE/ACCEPT EMPLOYMENT
IN **FAIRFIELD, IA**
BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE
(PER ZIP CODE)

- 0 - 68
- 69 - 190
- 191 - 342
- 343 - 3,163
- 3,164 - 5,294



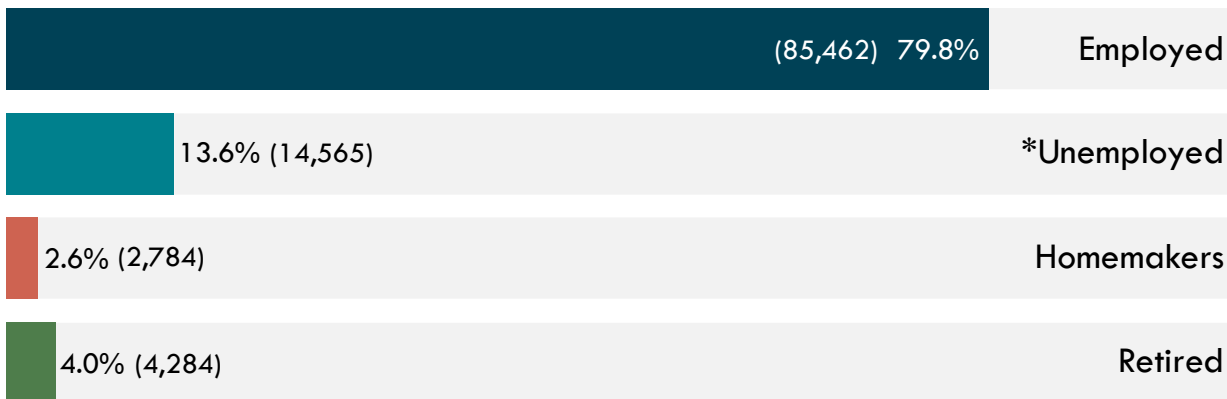
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AREA SHOWN

FAIRFIELD LABORSHED ANALYSIS

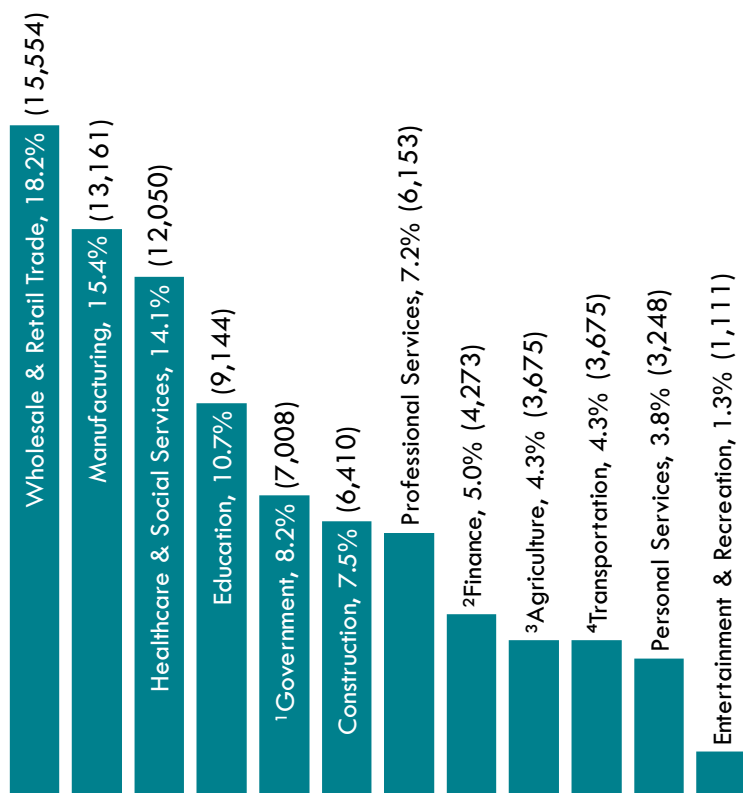
EMPLOYMENT STATUS (ESTIMATED TOTAL)*



*Employment status is self-identified by the survey respondent. The unemployment percentage above does not reflect the unemployment rate published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, which applies a stricter definition.



BREAKOUT OF THE EMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY (ESTIMATED TOTAL)



¹Public Administration, Government
³Agriculture, Forestry, & Mining

²Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate
⁴Transportation, Communications, & Utilities

TOP CURRENT BENEFITS OF THE FULL-TIME EMPLOYED

	Health/Medical Insurance	80.3%
	Pension/Retirement/401K	72.8%
	Paid Holidays	72.4%
	Dental Coverage	72.0%
	Life Insurance	67.3%
	Vision Coverage	65.4%
	Paid Vacation	62.6%
	Disability Insurance	61.0%
	Paid Time Off	61.0%
	Paid Sick Leave	52.4%

A Laborshed area is defined by its commuting pattern and illustrates which communities contribute to an employment center's workforce and at what level. To determine the boundaries of a Laborshed area, local employers supply the residential ZIP codes of each of their employees. The data in this publication reflects characteristics specific to the workforce in the Fairfield Laborshed area.

The employed are currently commuting an average of—

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miles one-way for an employment opportunity

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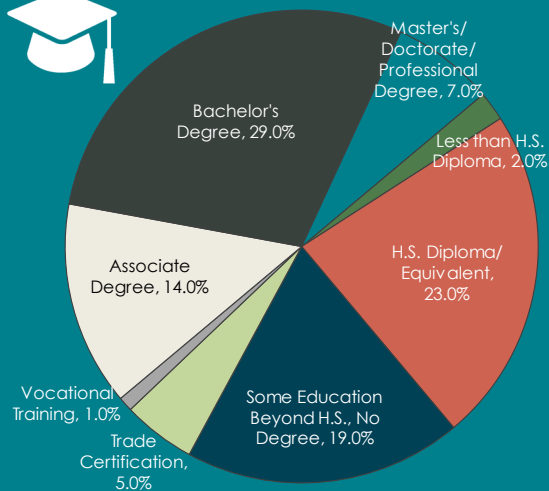
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EMPLOYED: LIKELY TO CHANGE

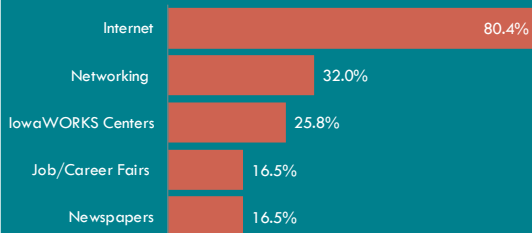
- An estimated **12,913** employed individuals are likely to change their current employment situation for an opportunity in Fairfield
- Current occupational categories:

Production, Construction, Material Moving	29.5%
Professional, Paraprofessional, Technical	25.3%
Service	13.7%
Managerial	11.6%
Clerical	9.5%
Sales	8.4%
Agricultural	2.0%
- Current median wages: \$
 - \$13.88/hour and \$60,000/year
 - \$20.00/hour - attracts 66%
 - \$20.75/hour - attracts 75%

- 75.0% have an education beyond HS



- **28.0% are actively seeking employment**
- Most frequently identified job search resources:



- Top sites:



- Top newspapers:



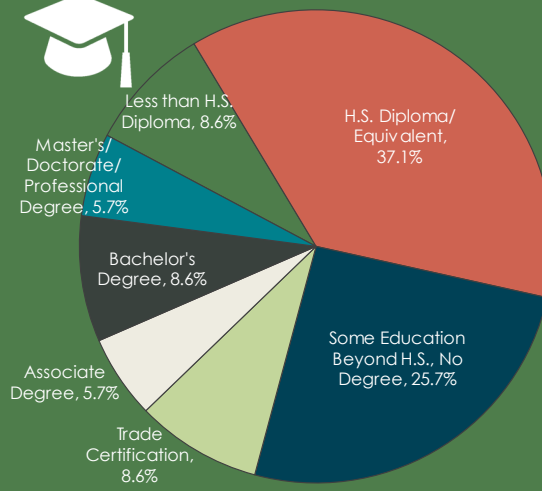
- Commute:
 - Currently commuting an average of **11 miles/14 minutes** (one-way) to work
 - Willing to commute an average of **26 miles/34 minutes** (one-way) to work

UNEMPLOYED: LIKELY TO ACCEPT

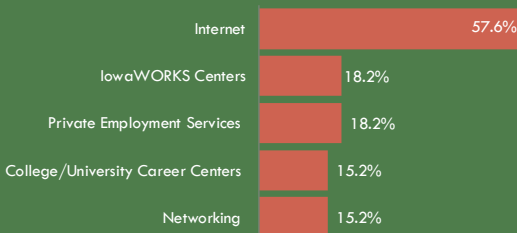
- An estimated **1,597** unemployed individuals are likely to accept employment in Fairfield
- Former occupational categories:

Production, Construction, Material Moving	37.9%
Sales	20.7%
Professional, Paraprofessional, Technical	17.2%
Service	17.2%
Clerical	3.5%
Managerial	3.5%
Agricultural	0.0%
- Median wages: \$
 - \$12.00/hour - lowest willing to accept
 - \$15.00/hour - attracts both 66% and 75%

- 54.3% have an education beyond HS



- **60.0% are actively seeking employment**
- Most frequently identified job search resources:



- Top sites:



- Top newspapers:



- Commute:
 - Willing to commute an average of **26 miles/33 minutes** (one-way) to work



The Laborshed survey collects information regarding the **out commute** for an employment center.

The **out commute** for Fairfield is estimated at 10.2 percent—approximately 680 people living in Fairfield work in other communities.

Most of those who are out commuting are working in Mount Pleasant and Ottumwa.

Over one-third (36.4%) of out commuters are likely to change employment (approximately 248 people).

36.4% earn an hourly wage—median wage is **\$15.13/hour**
54.5% earn an annual salary—median salary is **\$60,000/year**

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EDUCATION OF AVAILABLE LABOR BY INDUSTRY OF CURRENT OR FORMER EMPLOYMENT

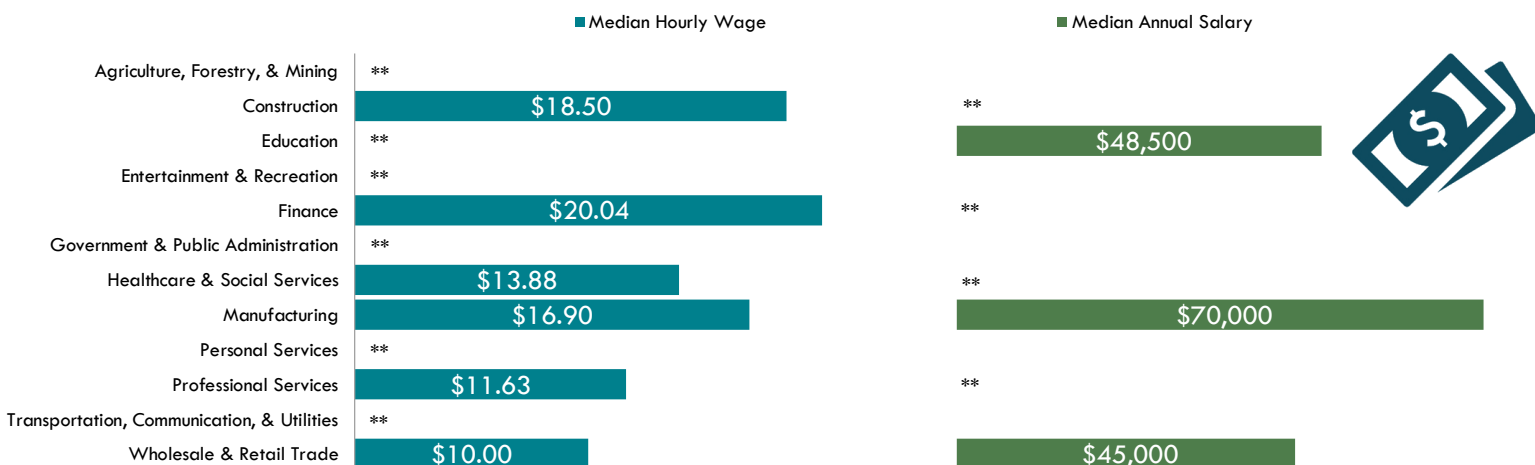
Data on this page is specific to only those survey respondents that reported they are likely to change or accept employment.



Industry	Education Beyond HS	Some Education Beyond HS, No Degree Obtained	Trade Certification/Vocational Training	Associate Degree	Bachelor's Degree or Above
Agriculture, Forestry, & Mining	**	**	**	**	**
Construction	75.0%	37.5%	12.5%	12.5%	12.5%
Education	88.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	88.9%
Entertainment & Recreation	**	**	**	**	**
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	100%	37.5%	12.5%	0.0%	50.0%
Government & Public Administration	100%	16.7%	0.0%	16.7%	66.6%
Healthcare & Social Services	86.7%	20.0%	20.0%	6.7%	40.0%
Manufacturing	69.2%	7.7%	7.7%	15.4%	38.4%
Personal Services	**	**	**	**	**
Professional Services	60.0%	20.0%	0.0%	10.0%	30.0%
Transportation, Communication, & Utilities	83.3%	50.0%	0.0%	33.3%	0.0%
Wholesale & Retail Trade	47.2%	19.4%	2.8%	13.9%	11.1%

Top percentages among industries per education level are highlighted in the table.

WAGES OF AVAILABLE LABOR BY INDUSTRY OF CURRENT OR FORMER EMPLOYMENT



**Insufficient survey data/refused. A lack of data for a particular industry is not necessarily indicative that there were no (or few) individuals surveyed within that industry. Rather, it may be that there simply were no respondents within that industry that also reported that they are likely to change or accept employment.

Note: A wide variety of occupations are included within these industry categories. Industry classification is based upon the respondent's reported current or former employer. Two respondents that work for a manufacturer will be classified within the manufacturing industry even if, for example, one respondent is a custodian and the other is an accountant.

UNDEREMPLOYMENT

The underemployed are working fewer than 35 hours per week but desire more hours (**inadequate hours**); in positions that do not meet their skill or education level, or have worked for higher wages at previous employment (**mismatch of skills**); or are earning wages equal to or less than the national poverty level and work 35 or more hours per week (**low income**).

	Percent Surveyed	Estimated Total		Percent Surveyed	Estimated Total
Inadequate Hours	3.0%	387	Mismatch of Skills	5.2%	671
Low Income	1.0%	129	Σ †Total	7.4%	956

†Individuals may be underemployed for more than one reason but are counted only once for total estimated underemployment.

Note: To be counted as underemployed in any category an individual must be currently employed and likely to change their current employment situation.

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